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House Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, February 19, 2015.

12:00 Noon.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, who announced that a quorum was present.

Afendoulis—present	Franz—present	Kosowski—present	Potvin—present
Banks—present	Gamrat—present	LaFontaine—present	Price—present
Barrett—present	Garcia—present	Lane—present	Pscholka—present
Bizon—present	Garrett—present	Lauwers—present	Rendon—present
Brinks—present	Gay-Dagnogo—present	LaVoy—present	Roberts, B.—present
Brunner—present	Geiss—present	Leonard—present	Roberts, S.—present
Bumstead—present	Gardon—present	Leutheuser—present	Robinson—present
Byrd—present	Glenn—present	Liberati—present	Runestad—present
Callton—present	Goike—present	Love—present	Rutledge—present
Canfield—present	Graves—present	Lucido—present	Santana—present
Chang—present	Greig—present	Lyons—present	Schor—present
Chatfield—present	Greimel—present	Maturen—present	Sheppard—present
Chirkun—present	Guerra—present	McBroom—present	Singh—present
Clemente—present	Heise—present	McCready—present	Smiley—present
Cochran—present	Hoadley—present	Miller, A.—present	Somerville—present
Cole—present	Hooker—present	Miller, D.—present	Talabi—present
Cotter—present	Hovey-Wright—present	Moss—present	Tedder—present
Courser—present	Howrylak—present	Muxlow—present	Theis—present
Cox—present	Hughes—present	Neeley—present	Townsend—present
Crawford—present	Iden—present	Nesbitt—present	Vaupel—present
Darany—present	Inman—present	Outman—present	VerHeulen—present
Dianda—present	Irwin—present	Pagan—present	Victory—present
Dillon—present	Jacobsen—present	Pagel—present	Webber—present
Driskell—present	Jenkins—present	Pettalia—present	Wittenberg—present
Durhal—present	Johnson—present	Phelps—present	Yanez—present
Faris—present	Kelly—present	Plawecki—present	Yonker—present
Farrington—present	Kesto—present	Poleski—present	Zemke—present
Forlini—present	Kivela—present		

Elder Carl W. Seitz, Pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church in Harrison Township, offered the following invocation:

**“Heavenly Father,**

We assemble here today in gratitude for the blessing You have bestowed upon us as citizens of this great state and this this grand nation. We pray today for the men and women who have been called to be our representatives in this great republic.

We ask O Lord that in the work that is performed in their offices, in committees, and as they meet here in this legislative session, that they be granted clarity in thought, discernment in judgment, and wisdom in decisions. Help them Father to remember that what is said and done in the administration of their duties is never done behind closed doors, but rather under Your scrutiny and judgment.

May they feel the weight of their responsibility before You, and may they accept the mantel of leadership with honor, integrity, and selflessness. Father we ask that You provide a hedge of protection around each of them and their families so that they may stand against the weight of responsibility, the stress of public life, and the pull of political pressure.

May they be known O Lord not as politicians, but as statesmen, who love those they serve more than they love themselves. And above all else, may all that takes place within these walls bring honor and glory to You. We pray in Your precious and holy name. Amen.”

### **Motions and Resolutions**

Reps. Santana, Glenn, Kosowski, Garcia, Rendon, Chang, Love, Guerra, Durhal, Singh, Schor, Garrett, Neeley, Yanez and Geiss offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 16.**

A resolution to urge the House of Representatives to recognize the Michigan Legislative Hispanic Caucus and urge the Speaker to provide it with the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities having been afforded the other recognized caucuses of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Whereas, Article IV, Section 16 of the *Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963* states:

Each house, except as otherwise provided in this constitution, shall choose its own officers and determine the rules of its proceedings...

; and

Whereas, Under the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives, the Speaker serves as the leader and chief administrator of the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Traditionally, the Speaker recognizes and authorizes funding to support the two major party caucuses represented in the House; and

Whereas, It is a fundamental responsibility of this Legislature to address, to the fullest breadth and scope, the concerns and needs of the Michigan citizenry irrespective of a constituency’s size, demographic composition, or geographic saturation or location; and

Whereas, To adequately and efficiently fulfill the needs of all Michiganders, it is necessary that members of the House of Representatives be permitted to form caucuses, organized around and united by a common philosophy and interest, that through its discussions and advocacy, advance the message, concerns and needs of the community represented; and

Whereas, The Latino population of our state has grown significantly and increasingly represents a larger share of all Michiganders. Fifteen years ago, the Latino population accounted for 3.3 percent of Michigan’s 9.9 million residents. Five years ago, that share increased to 4.4 percent, nearly a 35 percent increase in size, despite an overall reduction in the state’s population. By 2020, it’s estimated that the Latino population could increase by another 35 percent; and

Whereas, Despite significant growth in the Latino population of our state, the concerns and needs of the Latino community remain underserved in this legislative body. Therefore, it is necessary to organize and empower a caucus dedicated specifically to serving and representing the interests of Michigan’s Hispanic communities, and through bipartisan support, pursue action on issues of common concern to all segments of that community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the House of Representatives to recognize the Michigan Legislative Hispanic Caucus and urge the Speaker to provide it with the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities having been afforded the other recognized caucuses of the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Rep. Tedder offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 17.**

A resolution to memorialize the President of the United States, the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Federal Communications Commission to refrain from regulating broadband Internet services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.

Whereas, Due in large part to the unregulated efforts of private enterprise over nearly the past 30 years, the development of the Internet has dramatically transformed the way Michigan citizens work, live, and learn. The deployment of efficient, fast, and reliable broadband networks across Michigan has created thousands of jobs and economic benefits for local economies. The Internet has also revolutionized and enhanced our ability to communicate near and far; and

Whereas, In order to encourage the growth and development of the Internet, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has historically followed a policy to refrain from regulating broadband Internet services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934. As a result, the United States has been at the forefront of technological, business, and social innovation on the Internet; and

Whereas, The FCC will meet on February 26, 2015 and vote on rules that would reclassify Internet service as a telecommunications, not information, service. This change and associated rules would allow the FCC to regulate Internet service more stringently, essentially like that of a public utility; and

Whereas, It is the judgment of this legislative body that using monopoly-era provisions of Title II of the Communications Act of 1934 to regulate the Internet will slow investment in Michigan's broadband Internet infrastructure and jeopardize future job growth. As a non-legislative entity, it is inappropriate for the FCC to create and implement heavy-handed regulations that have the power of law. Further, the FCC should not impose rules that would hamper investment in the broadband industry and be a detriment to Internet service providers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the President of the United States, the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Federal Communications Commission to refrain from regulating broadband Internet services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the commissioners of the U.S. Federal Communications Commission.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Communications and Technology.

### Third Reading of Bills

#### House Bill No. 4119, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 4012 (MCL 600.4012), as amended by 2012 PA 304.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

#### Roll Call No. 10

#### Yeas—109

Afendoulis	Franz	Kivela	Poleski
Banks	Gamrat	Kosowski	Potvin
Barrett	Garcia	LaFontaine	Price
Bizon	Garrett	Lane	Pscholka
Brinks	Gay-Dagnogo	Lauwers	Rendon
Brunner	Geiss	LaVoy	Roberts, B.
Bumstead	Gardon	Leonard	Roberts, S.
Byrd	Glenn	Leutheuser	Runestad
Callton	Goike	Liberati	Rutledge
Canfield	Graves	Love	Santana
Chang	Greig	Lucido	Schor
Chatfield	Greimel	Lyons	Sheppard
Chirkun	Guerra	Maturen	Singh
Clemente	Heise	McBroom	Smiley
Cochran	Hoadley	McCready	Somerville
Cole	Hooker	Miller, A.	Talabi
Cotter	Hovey-Wright	Miller, D.	Tedder
Courser	Howrylak	Moss	Theis
Cox	Hughes	Muxlow	Townsend
Crawford	Iden	Neeley	Vaupel
Darany	Inman	Nesbitt	VerHeulen
Dianda	Irwin	Outman	Victory
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Wittenberg  
Yanez  
Yonker  
Zemke

### Nays—1

Robinson

In The Chair: Cotter

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

Rep. Nesbitt moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

### House Bill No. 4120, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 390, entitled “An act to regulate the time and manner of payment of wages and fringe benefits to employees; to prescribe rights and responsibilities of employers and employees, and the powers and duties of the department of labor; to require keeping of records; to provide for settlement of disputes regarding wages and fringe benefits; to prohibit certain practices by employers; to prescribe penalties and remedies; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 7 (MCL 408.477), as amended by 2012 PA 30.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

### Roll Call No. 11

### Yeas—109

Afendoulis  
Banks  
Barrett  
Bizon  
Brinks  
Brunner  
Bumstead  
Byrd  
Callton  
Canfield  
Chang  
Chatfield  
Chirkun  
Clemente  
Cochran  
Cole  
Cotter  
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Heise  
Hoadley  
Hooker  
Hovey-Wright  
Howrylak  
Hughes  
Iden  
Inman  
Irwin  
Jacobsen  
Jenkins  
Johnson  
Kelly  
Kesto

Kivela  
Kosowski  
LaFontaine  
Lane  
Lauwers  
LaVoy  
Leonard  
Leutheuser  
Liberati  
Love  
Lucido  
Lyons  
Maturen  
McBroom  
McCready  
Miller, A.  
Miller, D.  
Moss  
Muxlow  
Neeley  
Nesbitt  
Outman  
Pagan  
Pagel  
Pettalia  
Phelps  
Plawecki

Poleski  
Potvin  
Price  
Pscholka  
Rendon  
Roberts, B.  
Roberts, S.  
Runestad  
Rutledge  
Santana  
Schor  
Sheppard  
Singh  
Smiley  
Somerville  
Talabi  
Tedder  
Theis  
Townsend  
Vaupel  
VerHeulen  
Victory  
Webber  
Wittenberg  
Yanez  
Yonker  
Zemke

**Nays—1**

Robinson

In The Chair: Cotter

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

Rep. Nesbitt moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

**Introduction of Bills**

Rep. Kosowski introduced

**House Bill No. 4223, entitled**

A bill to provide for adoption leave from employment; to prescribe the conditions for taking that leave; to prohibit retaliation; and to prescribe remedies.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Trade.

Rep. Barrett introduced

**House Bill No. 4224, entitled**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending sections 240 and 438 (MCL 500.240 and 500.438), section 240 as amended by 2000 PA 252 and section 438 as amended by 1994 PA 227.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

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Rep. Nesbitt moved that House Committees be given leave to meet during the balance of today's session.

The motion prevailed.

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The Speaker called Associate Speaker Pro Tempore Franz to the Chair.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

**Announcement by the Clerk of Printing and Enrollment**

The Clerk announced that the following bills had been printed and placed upon the files of the members on Wednesday, February 18:

**Senate Bill Nos.    139    140    141    142    143    144    145    146    147    148**

The Clerk announced that the following bills had been printed and placed upon the files of the members on Thursday, February 19:

**House Bill Nos.    4217   4218   4219   4220   4221   4222**

The Clerk announced that the following Senate bills had been received on Thursday, February 19:

**Senate Bill Nos.    18    19    53**

**Reports of Standing Committees****COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The following report, submitted by Rep. Price, Chair, of the Committee on Education, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Thursday, February 19, 2015

Present: Reps. Price, Garcia, Callton, Hooker, McBroom, Somerville, Yonker, Kelly, Chatfield, Courser, Tedder, Zemke, Santana, Brinks, Schor, Chang and Greig

**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The following report, submitted by Rep. Johnson, Chair, of the Committee on Workforce and Talent Development, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Thursday, February 19, 2015

Present: Reps. Johnson, Tedder, Farrington, Price, Lauwers, Crawford, Iden, Brett Roberts, Brinks, Townsend, Geiss, Greig, Liberati and Love

**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The following report, submitted by Rep. Barrett, Chair, of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Thursday, February 19, 2015

Present: Reps. Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Courser, Glenn, Rutledge, Talabi and Faris

Absent: Rep. Outman

Excused: Rep. Outman

**Messages from the Senate****Senate Bill No. 18, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 2120a.

The Senate has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**Senate Bill No. 19, entitled**

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 27a (MCL 211.27a), as amended by 2014 PA 535.

The Senate has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**Senate Bill No. 53, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled "An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act," by amending sections 1 and 5o (MCL 28.421 and 28.425o), section 1 as amended by 2014 PA 203 and section 5o as amended by 2014 PA 206.

The Senate has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Notices**

February 18, 2015

Mr. Gary L. Randall, Clerk  
Michigan House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to MCL 600.1082, Senate Majority Leader Meekhof and I are appointing the following persons to the **State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee**:

The Honorable Susan L. Dobrich

Individual representing the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals.

The Honorable Jodi Debbrecht Switalski

Circuit or district court judge who has presided at least 2 years over an alcohol treatment court

Gary Secor

Court administrator who has worked at least 2 years with a drug or alcohol treatment court

Sherriff Thomas Reich

Law enforcement representative

Jesse Billings

Juvenile graduate

Sincerely,

Kevin Cotter

Speaker of the House

99th District

Arlan B. Meekhof

Senate Majority Leader

30th District

**Messages from the Governor**

The following message from the Governor was received February 18, 2015 and read:

**EXECUTIVE ORDER****No. 2015 - 6****DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS  
MIDDLE-EASTERN AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION****RESCISSION OF  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2013-9**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides that each principal department shall be under the supervision of the Governor unless otherwise provided by the constitution; and

WHEREAS, Michigan wishes to attract and retain top talent, and a key strategy for doing so is ensuring welcoming communities for the highly educated, business investors, and entrepreneurs from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's growing and vibrant Middle-Eastern American communities contribute significantly to Michigan's economy and culture; and

WHEREAS, Michigan must engage leaders from all backgrounds and walks of life to participate actively and effectively in the reinvention of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2013, Executive Order 2013-9 was issued, establishing the Michigan Council on Arab and Chaldean American Affairs; and

WHEREAS, a new and expanded structure will allow the Council to more effectively serve the interests of Michigan and its Middle-Eastern American communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

**I. CREATION OF THE MIDDLE-EASTERN AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

A. The Middle-Eastern American Affairs Commission (“the Commission”) is established in the Department of Civil Rights (“the Department”).

B. All of the authority, powers, duties, functions, responsibilities, records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations of the Michigan Council on Arab and Chaldean American Affairs are transferred to the Middle-Eastern Affairs Commission created by this Order.

C. The Commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. Of the members initially appointed after the effective date of this order, five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, and five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. After the initial appointments, members of the Commission shall be appointed to a term of four (4) years.

D. Members of the Commission shall be individuals who have a particular interest or expertise in Middle-Eastern American concerns.

E. A vacancy on the Commission occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

F. The Director of the Office of New Americans shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Commission.

G. The Governor shall designate a member of the Commission to serve as its Chairperson at the pleasure of the Governor. The Commission may designate a member of the Commission to serve as its Vice-Chairperson at the pleasure of the Commission. The Commission may elect other officers from its members as the Commission considers appropriate.

H. The Commission shall be administered under the supervision of the Department. The new Commission shall exercise its prescribed powers, duties, and functions independently of the Director of the Department (“the Director”). All budgeting, procurement, and related management functions of the Commission shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the Department.

**II. RESCISSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 2013-9**

Executive Order 2013-9 is rescinded and the Michigan Council on Arab and Chaldean American Affairs is abolished.

**III. CHARGE TO THE COMMISSION**

A. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the Director and shall do all of the following:

- i. Review and advise the Governor and the Director on the state’s policies concerning the Middle-Eastern American community.
- ii. Review and advise the Governor and the Director on the nature, magnitude, and priorities of the issues facing the Middle-Eastern American community.
- iii. Monitor, evaluate, investigate, and recommend programs for the betterment of the Middle-Eastern American community.
- iv. Analyze and recommend policies and programs to advance economic development within the Middle-Eastern American community.
- v. Make recommendations to the Governor and the Director regarding changes in state programs, statutes, regulations and policies, including, but not limited to, the coordination of state programs serving Middle-Eastern Americans.
- vi. Recommend policy and action plans to serve the needs of Middle Eastern Americans in Michigan.
- vii. Recognize the history, accomplishments, and contributions of Michigan’s Middle-Eastern American community.
- viii. Make recommendations to the Governor and the Director regarding methods of overcoming discrimination against Middle-Eastern Americans.
- ix. Promote public awareness of Middle-Eastern American culture.
- x. Promote equal access to state services.
- xi. Promote the involvement of Middle-Eastern Americans in government at all levels.

B. The Commission shall also provide other information or advice regarding Middle-Eastern American concerns or issues as requested by the Governor or Director.

C. The Commission shall issue reports that address issues described in Section III and provide recommendations at times designated by the Governor or the Director.

**IV. OPERATIONS OF THE COMMISSION**

A. The Commission shall be staffed and assisted by personnel from the Department as directed by the Governor.

B. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses according to relevant statutes and rules and procedures of the Department, subject to available appropriations.

C. Members of the Commission shall refer all legal, legislative, and media contacts to the Department.

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

A. Any suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by or against the Council prior to the effective date of this Order shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order. Any lawfully commenced suit, action, or other proceeding may be maintained by, against, or before the appropriate successor of any entity affected by this Order.

B. The invalidity of any portion of this Order shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Order, which may be given effect without any invalid portion. Any portion of this Order found invalid by a court or other entity with proper jurisdiction shall be severable from the remaining portions of this Order.

This Order shall be effective 60 days after filing of this Order.

[SEAL]

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 18th day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen

RICHARD D. SNYDER

GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

RUTH A. JOHNSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

The message was referred to the Clerk.

The following message from the Governor was received February 18, 2015 and read:

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**No. 2015 - 7**

#### **PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION HISPANIC/LATINO COMMISSION**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch or in the assignment of functions among its units that he considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides that each principal department shall be under the supervision of the Governor unless otherwise provided by the constitution; and

WHEREAS, there is a continued need to reorganize functions among state departments to ensure efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, programs, agencies, and commissions should be placed among the principal departments on a consistent, logical basis in order to ensure the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars and to allow the state to offer more streamlined services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

#### **I. PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

In addition to the members appointed to new Pacific American Affairs Commission under Section II.B. of Executive Reorganization Order 2009-16, the Director of the Office for New Americans or his or her designee, shall serve as a non-voting ex officio member of the Commission.

#### **II. HISPANIC/LATINO COMMISSION**

In addition to the members appointed to the Hispanic Latino Commission under MCL 18.302(1), 1975 PA 164, as amended, the Director of the Office for New Americans or his or her designee, shall serve as a non-voting ex officio member of the Commission.

This Order shall be effective 60 days after the filing of this Order.

[SEAL]

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 18th day of February, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.

RICHARD D. SNYDER

GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

RUTH A. JOHNSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

The message was referred to the Clerk.

**Explanation of “No” Votes**

Rep. Chirkun, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of **Senate Bill Nos. 44 and 45**, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I voted no on Senate Bills 44 and 45 because I believe this legislation provides a change to our election laws that only benefits one particular political party. Under current state law, Michigan holds its presidential primary during a regularly scheduled February election, one of the four dates set to conduct elections in our state. Instead, the Republican Party wants to have their own election in March have the taxpayers pay for it.

I cannot support a bill that is only designed to subsidize one political party’s desires for their presidential primary. Republicans have been the ones to set election dates before. Now they want to change the rules to benefit them exclusively, and expect taxpayer dollars to subsidize it as a time when the state budget is in deficit.”

**Announcements by the Clerk**

February 18, 2015

Received from the Auditor General a copy of the Michigan Legislature’s Combined Schedule of Sources and Disposition of General Fund Authorizations with Supplemental Schedules for the years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 which is available on their website:

[http://www.audgen.michigan.gov/pdfs/MichiganLegislatureAudit2013\\_14.pdf](http://www.audgen.michigan.gov/pdfs/MichiganLegislatureAudit2013_14.pdf).

Gary L. Randall  
Clerk of the House

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Rep. Sheppard moved that the House adjourn.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 12:50 p.m.

Associate Speaker Pro Tempore Franz declared the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 24, at 1:30 p.m.

GARY L. RANDALL  
Clerk of the House of Representatives